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NON-NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

Benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/430,796, filed December 4, 2002 is hereby claimed.

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to compounds and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, their use, either alone or in combination with other therapeutic agents, in the treatment or prophylaxis of HIV infection, and to pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds that are active against HIV wild type and NNRTI resistant mutants.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The disease known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), particularly the strain known as HIV-1. In order for HIV to be replicated by a host cell, the information of the viral genome must be integrated into the host cell's DNA. However, HIV is a retrovirus, meaning that its genetic information is in the form of RNA. The HIV replication cycle therefore requires a step of transcription of the viral genome (RNA) into DNA, which is the reverse of the normal chain of events. An enzyme that has been aptly dubbed reverse transcriptase (RT) accomplishes the transcription of the viral RNA into DNA. The HIV virion includes copies of RT along with the viral RNA.

Reverse transcriptase has three known enzymatic functions; it acts as an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, as a ribonuclease, and as a DNA-dependent DNA polymerase. Acting as an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, RT transcribes a single-stranded DNA copy of the viral RNA. Acting as a ribonuclease, RT destroys the original viral RNA, and frees the DNA just produced from the original RNA. Finally, acting as a DNA-dependent DNA polymerase, RT makes a second, complementary DNA strand, using the first DNA strand as a template. The two strands form double-stranded DNA, which is integrated into the host cell's genome by another enzyme called integrase.

Compounds that inhibit the enzymatic functions of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase will inhibit replication of HIV-1 in infected cells. Such compounds are useful in the prevention or

treatment of HIV-1 infection in human subjects, as demonstrated by known RT inhibitors such as 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (AZT), 2',3'-dideoxyinosine (ddl), 2',3'-dideoxycytidine (ddC), d4T, 3TC, Nevirapine, Delavirdine, Efavirenz, Abacavir, and Tenofovir, the main drugs thus far approved for use in the treatment of AIDS.

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As with any antiviral therapy, use of RT inhibitors in the treatment of AIDS eventually leads to a virus that is less sensitive to the given drug. Resistance (reduced sensitivity) to these drugs is the result of mutations that occur in the reverse transcriptase segment of the pol gene. Several mutant strains of HIV have been characterised, and resistance to known therapeutic agents is believed to be due to mutations in the RT gene. One of the more commonly observed mutants clinically for the non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, is the K103N mutant, in which a lysine (K), at codon 103, has been mutated to a asparagine (N) residue. Other mutants, which emerge with varying frequency during treatment using known antivirals, include single mutants Y181C, G190A, Y188C, and P236L, and double mutants K103N/Y181C, K103N/P225H, K103N/V108I and K103N/L100I.

As antiviral use in therapy and prevention of HIV infection continues, the emergence of new resistant strains is expected to increase. There is therefore an ongoing need for new inhibitors of RT, which have different patterns of effectiveness against the various resistant mutants.

The compounds of this invention can be characterized as being two aryl groups linked by a spacer. Relatively speaking, the structure of the linked diaryl compounds is much simpler than previously reported HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors. Accordingly, the finding of this activity for the linked diaryl compounds is surprising. In fact, the general class of linked diaryl compounds have most often been described as photographic agents. For example, EP 0436190, U.S. Pat. No. 5,124,230 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,221,573. Only a few publications have reported pharmacodynamic or therapeutic properties for this class. Such references can be summarized as follows:

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U.S. Pat. No. 4,186,131 and U.S. Pat. No. 4,252,815 disclose that certain (phenyltetrazolyloxy)propyl arylamines possess antiarrhythmic and ß-adrenergic blocking actions.

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US Pat. No. 4,399,285 relates to substituted tetrazolyloxycarboxylic acid amides which are stated to be herbicides.

5 Kejha et al., Cesk. Farm., 39,294(1990) reported that a series of 1-phenyl-5-thio derivatives exhibited analgesic activity.

Toth and Simon, Monatsh. Chem., 125(8-9), 977 (1994) report that certain carbamic acid esters linked with tetrazole-5 thiol exhibit pesticidal, herbicidal and antifungal activities.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,990,126 discloses that certain diarylsulfide derivatives are *N*-methyl-D-aspartic acid receptor antagonists.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,245,817 B1 and related WO 98/35955 disclose that α-alkoxyamide and αthioalkoxyamide compounds are antagonists of the NPY5 receptor, and consequently the compounds are useful for treating obesity related disorders.

WO 01/16357A2 reports that *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-{(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)thio}-acetamide is an inhibitor of sugar alcohol phosphatases with possible application as an antifungal agent.

EP 0 035 046 B1 and related U.S. Pat. No's. 4,540,703, 4,663,323 and 4,766,120 describe tetrazole derivatives having a further unsaturated heterocylic ring; the derivatives are claimed to be antiulcer and antiinflammatory drugs.

Lagoja et al., Helv. Chim. Acta, 85, 1883 (2002) relates to a series of 1,2,4-triazole derivatives which inhibit HIV-1, HIV-2 and SIV replication.

Also, WO 02/070470 discloses a series of benzophenone bridged triaryl derivatives as HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, useful for treating viral infections.

In addition, a search of the CAS Chemical Registry System (2002) revealed the structures but no utility of a number of *N*-aryl-2-arylacetamide derivatives. For example, 2-{{1-(1-naphthalenyl)- 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}-*N*-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide, Registry No.: 310456-59-

8; *N*-(4-bromophenyl)-2-{{1-(3, 4-dimethylphenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetamide, Registry No.: 431890-67-4; 2-{{1-(2, 4-difluorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}-*N*-(2, 6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide, Registry No.: 335207-29-9; and *N*-(2, 4, 6-trimethylphenyl)-2-{{1-(2, 4, 6-trimethylphenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetamide, Registry No. 385383-12-0.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides a method for treating HIV infection comprising administering to a human infected by HIV, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of this invention. The compounds are potent inhibitors of wild-type (WT) and double mutant strains of HIV-1 RT, particularly the double mutation K103N/Y181C.

In a first aspect the invention provides a method for treating HIV infection comprising administering to an infected human a therapeutically effective amount of a compound represented by formula 1:

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$Ar^{1}-X-W-Ar^{2}$ (1)

wherein Ar1 is

(i) 5- or

(i) 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S; said heterocycle optionally substituted with (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-, wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl may be monosubstituted with -OH; and/or phenyl when the heterocycle contains 1 to 3 N-atoms; in either instance, the said heterocycle is optionally substituted with:

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phenyl, phenylmethyl, 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle, fused phenyl-unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle, fused phenyl-{unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6- membered carbocycle}}methyl, or fused phenyl –5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle; each of said phenyl, phenylmethyl, aromatic heterocycle, fused phenyl-carbocycle, fused phenyl-(carbocycle)methyl or fused phenyl-aromatic heterocycle in turn is substituted optionally with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from:

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 (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, $O-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $S-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, phenyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl or nitro, phenylmethyl optionally substituted with

C₁₋₆alkyl or nitro, SO₂NH₂, SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C(O)NH₂, C(O)OR¹, NR²R³, morpholino or 1-pyrrolyl,

wherein R^1 is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, and wherein R^2 and R^3 each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; wherein said substituents are sterically compatible; or

- (ii) unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle substituted with phenyl or naphthyl, said unsaturated or saturated carbocycle, or the phenyl or naphthyl optionally substituted with the same 1 to 3 substituents as defined for the substituents in section (i); or
- (iii) benzimidazole optionally *N*-substituted with phenyl or a fused phenyl-carbocycle as defined above;

X is a heteroatom selected from O, S, SO, SO₂ or NR⁴ wherein R⁴ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; or **X** is a valence bond or CR^{4A}R^{4B} wherein R^{4A} and R^{4B} each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and

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when X is a heteroatom, including NR4:

W is a divalent radical selected from:

- (a) (CR⁵R^{5A})₁₋₂-C(Z^A)NR⁶ wherein R⁵ and R^{5A} each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, R⁶
 is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, and Z^A is oxo or thioxo;
 - (b) $D-C(Z^B)$ wherein D is (C_{1-4}) alkylene, (C_{1-4}) alkylene-O or (C_{1-4}) alkylene-NR⁷ wherein R^7 is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, and Z^B is oxo or thioxo;
 - (c) $CH_2C(\mathbf{Z}^C)NR^{7A}$ - (C_{1-4}) alkylene wherein Z^C is oxo or thioxo and \mathbf{R}^{7A} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl;
 - (d) (C₁₋₄)alkylene-NR^{7B}C(Z^D)NR^{7C} wherein R^{7B} and R^{7C} each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, and Z^D is oxo or thioxo;
 - (e) (C₁₋₄)alkylene optionally substituted with OH, or optionally disubstituted with OH when the (C₁₋₄)alkylene contains 2 to 4 carbon atoms; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl optionally substituted with halo; or cis- or trans- (CH₂)₁₋₂; or
- 30 (f) $\{(C_{1-4})alkylene\}$ -O optionally substituted on the alkylene portion with OH;
 - (g) $\{(C_{1-4})\text{alkylene}\}\text{-NR}^8$ optionally substituted on the alkylene portion with OH, and \mathbb{R}^8 is H or $(C_{1-4})\text{alkyl}$;
 - (h) (C_{1-4}) alkylene- $C(Z^E)(C_{1-4})$ alkylene wherein Z^E is oxo or thioxo; or

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(j) $(CR^5R^{5A})_{1-2}-NR^6-(CR^5R^{5A})_{1-2}$ wherein R^5 and R^{5A} each independently is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, R^6 is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; or

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when X is a valence bond:

W is a $\{(C_{2-4})\text{alkenyl}\}C(O)NR^{8A}$,

or

wherein R^{8A} and R^{8B} each is H or (C_{1.4})alkyl; or

when X is CR^{4A}R^{4B} as defined above:

W is selected from $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8C}$, S- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8D}$, O- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ -alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8E}$, or NR^{8F}- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}$ -NR^{8G} wherein R^{8C}, R^{8D}, R^{8E}, R^{8F} and R^{8G} each independently is H or $(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkyl}$; and

Ar² is

(i) a phenyl or pyridinyl selected from the formulas

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wherein R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently represents:

H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, $O-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $S-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, $-NR^{N1}R^{N2}$, $-C(O)R^{21}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)R^{21}$, $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)OR^{22}$, $-SO_2-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)OR^{22}$, wherein R^{21} is (C_{1-4}) alkyl and R^{22} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; $C(O)NH_2$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)NH_2$,

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S(O)- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, SO_2 - (C_{1-4}) alkyl, SO_2NH_2 , phenyl, phenylmethyl, phenyl- SO_2 -, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, 1-pyrrolyl, whereby said phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrrolyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, NO_2 , C_{1-3} -alkyl and CF_3 ;

- wherein the substituents R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} are sterically compatible; wherein R^{N1} , R^{N2} each independently represent H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl, whereby R^{N1} and R^{N2} may be covalently bonded to each other to form together with the N-atom to which they are attached to a 4 to 7-membered heterocycle whereby the -CH₂-group at the position 4 of a 6 or 7-membered heterocycle may be replaced by -O-, -S- or -NR^{N3}- wherein R^{N3} represents H, -C(O)OR²², (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, wherein R^{22} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; or
- (ii) Ar² is a fused phenyl-(saturated or unsaturated 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from (C₁₋₄)alkyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, NO₂ or halo; or
- (iii) Ar² is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, or a fused phenyl-5- or 6-membered heterocycle, said aromatic heterocycle or fused phenyl-heterocycle is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from (C₁₋₄)alkyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, NO₂ or halo; or
- (iv) Ar^2 is phthalimido and W is (C_{1-4}) alkylene;
- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

Furthermore, a second aspect of this invention provides compounds of formula 1:

wherein **Ar**¹ is

N-N N. N. R^{20A} N-N N 12C R^{20A} N wherein R12 is selected from the group consisting of

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 R^{13}
 R^{14}
 R^{14}
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 R^{30}
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R¹³ represents CI, Br, COO(C₁₋₄)alkyl and if R⁹ is NO₂, CI or Br, then R¹³ may also represent F or CH₃;

10 R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R³¹, R³²,

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R³³ are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, $O-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $S-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $C(O)OR^1$ wherein R^1 is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, or NR^2R^3 wherein R^2 and R^3 each independently is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl;

R³⁰ represents H, Cl, Br, COO(C₁₋₄)alkyl;

R^{12C} is a phenyl of formula

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wherein \mathbf{R}^{13C} , \mathbf{R}^{14C} and \mathbf{R}^{15C} each independently represents H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{1-4}) alkyl,

halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, SO₂NH₂, SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C(O)OR¹ wherein R¹ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, or NR²R³ wherein R² and R³ each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; provided that at least one of R^{13C}, R^{14C} and R^{15C} is other than hydrogen; or R^{12C} is

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wherein R30, R31, R32, R33 are as defined hereinbefore; and

R^{20A} is H, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-, wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl may be monosubstituted with -OH; and

X is S or O;

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W is CH₂C(O)NR⁶ wherein R⁶ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and

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wherein R⁹ is halo or NO₂; and if R¹³ is CI or Br, then R⁹ may also represent (C₁₋₃)alky;

R¹⁰, R¹¹ are independently of each other selected from the group consisting of
H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)Cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)Cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, O(C₁.

6)alkyl, S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, -NR^{N1}R^{N2}, -C(O)R²¹,
(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)R²¹, -C(O)OR²², -(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)OR²², -SO₂-(C₁₋₃)alkyl
C(O)OR²², wherein R²¹ is (C₁₋₄)alkyl and R²² is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl;

-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)NH₂, C(O)NH₂, S(O)-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SO₂-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SO₂-phenyl,
SO₂-NH₂, phenyl, phenylmethyl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, 1-pyrrolyl, whereby said

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phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrrolyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, NO₂, C₁₋₃-alkyl and CF₃; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

- According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided the use of a compound of formula 1 as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of an HIV infection.
- According to yet another aspect of the invention, there is provided the use of a compound of formula 1 as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, in combination with one or more other antiretroviral drugs.
- According to a further aspect of the invention, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of formula 1 as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.
 - According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment or prevention of HIV infection, comprising a compound of formula 1 as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.
 - According to a sixth aspect of the invention, there is provided a process for preparing a compound of formula 1 wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter, X is S or O and W is $(CR^5R^{5A})_{1-2}$ $C(O)NR^6$, wherein R^5 , R^{5A} and R^6 each independently is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, comprising:
- a) reacting a thiol or alcohol of formula Ar¹-X-H with an ω-halo alkanoic alkyl ester of formula Y-(CR⁵R⁵A)₁₋₂C(O)OR⁴ wherein Y is halo and R⁴ is (C₁₋₄)alkyl, in the presence of a base, to obtain the corresponding ester of formula Ar¹-X- (CR⁵R⁵)₁.

 2C(O)OR⁴, followed by hydrolysis of the ester to the corresponding acid wherein R⁴=H, and coupling the latter acid with an aromatic amine of general formula HNR⁶-Ar² in the presence of a coupling agent to obtain the corresponding compound of

formula 1 wherein Ar1, Ar2, X and W are as defined herein; or

b) reacting a thiol or alcohol of formula Ar¹-X-H wherein Ar¹ and X are as defined herein with an anilide of formula Y-(CR⁵R^{5A})₁₋₂C(O)NR⁶-Ar² wherein Y, R⁵, R^{5A}, R⁶ and Ar¹ are as defined herein, in the presence of a base to obtain the corresponding compound of formula 1.

Detailed description of the invention

Definitions

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10 The following definitions apply unless otherwise noted:

As used herein, the term "(C₁₋₄)alkyl", either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean acyclic straight or branched chain alkyl radicals containing from one to four carbon atoms respectively. Examples of such radicals include methyl (Me), ethyl (Et), propyl (Pr), 1-methylethyl (iPr), butyl (Bu), 2-methylpropyl (iBu), and 1,1-dimethylethyl (tBu), wherein the abbreviations commonly used herein are given in brackets.

As used herein, the term "O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl", either alone or in combination with another radical, refers to alkoxy radicals containing for one to four carbon atoms and includes methoxy (OMe), ethoxy (OEt), propoxy (OPr), 1-methylethoxy (OiPr), butoxy (OBu) and 1, 1-dimethylethoxy (OtBu), wherein the abbreviations commonly used herein are given in brackets.

As used herein, the term "S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl", either alone or in combination with another radical, refers to alkylthio, radicals containing one to four carbon atoms and includes methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, (1-methylethyl)thio, butylthio and (1,1-dimethylethyl)thio.

As used herein, the term "halo" means a halo radical selected from bromo, chloro, fluoro or iodo.

As used herein, the term "(C₁₋₄)alkylene," either alone or in combination with another radical, means a divalent alkyl radical derived by removal of two hydrogens atoms from an aliphatic hydrocarbon containing one to four carbon atoms and includes -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH(Me)CH₂-.

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As used herein, the term " (C_{2-4}) alkenyl", either alone or used with antother radical, means a divalent alkene radical derived by removal of two hydrogen atoms from an olefinic hydrocarbon containing two to four carbon atoms and includes –CH=CH-, -CH₂CH=CH-, -CH₂CH=CH-. The cis and trans isomers, and mixtures thereof, of the (C_{2-4}) alkenyl radical can be encompassed by the term.

As used herein, the term "unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle", either alone or in combination with another radical, means a unsaturated or saturated monocyclic hydrocarbon containing 5 to 6 carbon atoms and includes, for example, phenyl, 1-cyclohexen, 1,3-cyclohexadienyl, cyclohexanyl, 1-cyclopentenyl and cyclopentanyl. In the following Ph is used as an abbreviation for phenyl.

As used herein, the term "fused phenyl-(saturated or unsaturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle)" or "fused phenyl-carbocycle," either alone or in combination with another radical, means a phenyl that is fused with a saturated or unsaturated 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring. Examples include naphthalenyl, 1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydronaphthalenyl, 2, 3-dihydro-1*H*-indenyl and indenyl.

As used herein, the term "aromatic heterocycle", either alone or in combination with another radical, means a monovalent radical derived by removal of a hydrogen from a 5-or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle containing, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S. Examples of suitable aromatic heterocycles include tetrazolyl, pyridinyl, imidazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, isoxazolyl and thiazolyl.

As used herein, the term "heterocycle", either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a monovalent radical derived by removal of a hydrogen from a 5- or 6-membered saturated or unsaturated (including aromatic) heterocycle containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S. Examples of suitable heterocycles include 1,3-

dioxolanyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrazolyl and thiazolyl.

As used herein, the term "fused phenyl-5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyle", either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a phenyl that is fused with a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle having 1 to 2 nitrogen atoms. Examples

include 1*H*-benzimidazolyl, quinolinyl and isoquinolinyl.

As used herein, the term "inhibitor of HIV replication" refers to an agent capable of substantially reducing or essentially eliminating the ability of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase to replicate a DNA copy from an RNA template.

As used herein, the term "single or double mutant strains" means that either one or two amino acid residues that are present in WT HIV-1 strain have been replaced by residues not found in the WT strain. For example, the single mutant Y181C is prepared by site-directed mutagenesis in which the tyrosine at residue 181 has been replaced by a cysteine residue. Similarly, for the double mutant K103N/Y181C, an asparagine residue has replaced the lysine at residue 103 and a cysteine residue has replaced the tyrosine at residue 181.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" means a salt of a compound which is, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response, and the like, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio, generally water or oilsoluble or dispersible, and effective for their intended use. Where applicable and compatible with the chemical properties of the compound of formula 1, the term includes pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts and pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition salts. Lists of suitable salts are found in, e.g., S.M. Birge et al., J. Pharm. Sci., 1977, 66, pp. 1-19, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salt" means those salts which retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the free bases and which are not biologically or otherwise undesirable, formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydroiodic acid, sulfuric acid, sulfamic acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like, and organic acids such as acetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, adipic acid, alginic acid, ascorbic acid, aspartic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, benzoic acid, 2-acetoxybenzoic acid, butyric acid, camphoric acid, camphorsulfonic acid, cinnamic acid, citric acid, digluconic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, glutamic acid, glycolic acid, glycerophosphoric acid, hemisulfic acid, heptanoic acid, hexanoic acid, formic acid, fumaric acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid (isethionic acid), lactic acid, maleic acid,

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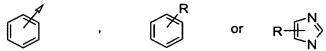
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hydroxymaleic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, mandelic acid, mesitylenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, naphthalenesulfonic acid, nicotinic acid, 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, oxalic acid, pamoic acid, pectinic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-phenylpropionic acid, picric acid, pivalic acid, propionic acid, pyruvic acid, salicylic acid, stearic acid, succinic acid, sulfanilic acid, tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, undecanoic acid, and the like.

The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition salt" means those salts which retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the free acids and which are not biologically or otherwise undesirable, formed with inorganic bases such as ammonia or hydroxide, carbonate, or bicarbonate of ammonium or a metal cation such as sodium, potassium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, copper, manganese, aluminum, and the like. Particularly preferred are the ammonium, potassium, sodium, calcium, and magnesium salts. Salts derived from pharmaceutically-acceptable organic nontoxic bases include salts of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, quaternary amine compounds, substituted amines including naturally occurring substituted amines, cyclic amines and basic ionexchange resins, such as methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, ethylamine, diethylamine, triethylamine, isopropylamine, tripropylamine, tributylamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, 2-diethylaminoethanol, dicyclohexylamine, lysine, arginine, histidine, caffeine, hydrabamine, choline, betaine, ethylenediamine, glucosamine, methylglucamine, theobromine, purines, piperazine, piperidine, Nethylpiperidine, tetramethylammonium compounds, tetraethylammonium compounds, pyridine, N,N-dimethylaniline, N-methylpiperidine, N-methylmorpholine, dicyclohexylamine, dibenzylamine, N,N-dibenzylphenethylamine, 1-ephenamine, N,N'dibenzylethylenediamine, polyamine resins, and the like. Particularly preferred organic nontoxic bases are isopropylamine, diethylamine, ethanolamine, trimethylamine, dicyclohexylamine, choline, and caffeine.

When a valence bond on a phenyl ring or heterocyclic ring is illustrated as follows:



30 then the indication is that the valence bond can replace any hydrogen atom on the ring.

As used herein, the term "prodrug" refers to pharmacologically acceptable derivatives,

such that the resulting biotransformation product of the derivative is the active drug, as defined in compounds of formula 1. Examples of such derivatives include, but are not limited to, esters and amides (see Goodman and Gilman in The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, 9th ed., McGraw-Hill, Int. Ed. 1995, "Biotransformation of Drugs, p 11-16, incorporated herein by reference).

Detailed description of preferred embodiments

According to a first embodiment of the first aspect of the present invention there is provided a method for treating HIV infection comprising administering to an infected human a therapeutically effective amount of a compound represented by formula 1:

$Ar^1-X-W-Ar^2$ 1

15 wherein Ar¹ is

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(i) 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S; said heterocycle optionally substituted with (C₁₋₄)alkyl or phenyl when the heterocycle contains 1 to 3 N-atoms; in either instance, the said heterocycle is optionally substituted with:

phenyl, phenylmethyl, 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle, fused phenyl-unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle, fused phenyl-{unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6- membered carbocycle)}methyl, or fused phenyl –5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle; each of said phenyl, carbocycle or heterocycle, in turn is substituted optionally with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from:

 (C_{1-4}) alkyl, O- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, S- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, halo, CF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, phenyl optionally substituted with (C_{1-6}) alkyl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, C(O)OR¹ wherein \mathbf{R}^1 is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, or NR²R³ wherein \mathbf{R}^2 and \mathbf{R}^3 each independently is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; wherein said substituents are sterically compatible; or

(ii) unsaturated or saturated 5- or 6-membered carbocycle substituted with phenyl or naphthyl, said unsaturated or saturated carbocycle, or the phenyl or naphthyl optionally substituted with the same 1 to 3 substituents as defined for the substituents in section (i); or

(iii) benzimidazole optionally N-substituted with phenyl or a fused phenyl-carbocycle as defined above;

X is a heteroatom selected from O, S or NR⁴ wherein R⁴ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; or X is a valence bond or CR^{4A}R^{4B} wherein R^{4A} and R^{4B} each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and

when X is a heteroatom:

W is a divalent radical selected from:

- 10 (a) $(CR^5R^{5A})_{1\cdot 2}$ - $C(Z^A)NR^6$ wherein R^5 and R^{5A} each independently is H or $(C_{1\cdot 4})$ alkyl, R^6 is H or $(C_{1\cdot 4})$ alkyl, and Z^A is oxo or thioxo;
 - (b) $D-C(Z^B)$ wherein D is (C_{1-4}) alkylene, (C_{1-4}) alkylene-O or (C_{1-4}) alkylene-NR⁷ wherein R^7 is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, and Z^B is oxo or thioxo;
 - (c) $CH_2C(\mathbf{Z}^C)NR^{7A}$ - (C_{1-4}) alkylene wherein Z^C is oxo or thioxo and \mathbf{R}^{7A} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl;
- 15 (d) (C_{1-4}) alkylene- $NR^{7B}C(Z^D)NR^{7C}$ wherein R^{7B} and R^{7C} each independently is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, and Z^D is oxo or thioxo;
 - (e) (C₁₋₄)alkylene optionally substituted with OH, or optionally disubstituted with OH when the (C₁₋₄)alkylene contains 2 to 4 carbon atoms; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl optionally substituted with halo; or

cis- or trans-
$$(CH_2)_{1-2}$$
 ; or

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- (f) {(C₁₋₄)alkylene}-O optionally substituted on the alkylene portion with OH;
- (g) {(C₁₋₄)alkylene}-NR⁸ optionally substituted on the alkylene portion with OH, and R⁸ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl;
- (h) (C_{1-4}) alkylene- $C(Z^{E})(C_{1-4})$ alkylene wherein Z^{E} is oxo or thioxo; or

25 (i)

when **X** is a valence bond:

W is a $\{(C_{2-4})\text{alkenyl}\}C(O)NR^{8A}$,

cis- or trans-
$$(CH_2)_{1-2}$$
 $C(O)NR^{8B}$

wherein R8A and R8B each is H or (C1-4)alkyl; or

when X is CR^{4A}R^{4B} as defined above:

W is selected from $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8C}$, S- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8D}$, O- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}C(O)NR^{8E}$, or NR^{8F}- $\{(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkylene}\}$ -NR^{8G} wherein R^{8C}, R^{8D}, R^{8E}, R^{8F} and R^{8G} each independently is H or $(C_{1-4}) \text{ alkyl}$; and

Ar² is

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10 (i) a phenyl of formula

wherein $\mathbf{R^9}$, $\mathbf{R^{10}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{11}}$ each independently represents:

H, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, O- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, S- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, halo, CF₃, OH, NO₂, phenyl, phenylmethyl, (2-nitrophenyl)methyl, 2-methylphenyl, -C(O)- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, C(O)NH₂, S(O)- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, SO₂NH₂, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, morpholino or 1-pyrrolyl, or -C(O)OR²², wherein R²² is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; wherein the substituents R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are sterically compatible; or

- (ii) Ar² is a fused phenyl-saturated or unsaturated 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from (C₁₋₄)alkyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, NO₂ or halo; or
 - (iii) Ar² is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, or a fused phenyl-5- or 6-membered heterocycle, said aromatic heterocycle or fused phenyl-heterocycle is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected independently from (C₁₋₄)alkyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, NO₂ or halo; or
 - (iv) Ar² is phthalimido and W is (C₁₋₄)alkylene;
- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

According to said first embodiment the method of this invention preferably relates to a compound represented by formula 1a:

$$N-N$$
 N
 N
 N
 N
 $X-W-Ar^2$
1a

wherein X, W and Ar^2 are as defined above and R^{12} is a phenyl of formula

wherein \mathbf{R}^{13} , \mathbf{R}^{14} and \mathbf{R}^{15} each independently represents H, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, O- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, S- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, halo, CF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, Ph, 2-methylphenyl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, C(O)NH₂, morpholino, 1-pyrrolyl, (2-NO₂Ph)CH₂, PhCH₂, C(O)O \mathbf{R}^{16} wherein \mathbf{R}^{16} is H or (C₁. 4)alkyl; or

R12 is

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$$\bigcap_{\mathbf{p}_{17}}$$
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wherein R^{17} is H, $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl, O- $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 or $NR^{18}R^{19}$ wherein R^{18} and R^{19} each independently is H or $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl.

Most preferably R¹³, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents H, Me, Et, Pr, iPr, tBu, OMe, OEt, OiPr, SMe, SEt, Br, Cl, F, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe or C(O)OEt, provided that at least one of R¹³, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ is other than hydrogen.

Furthermore, most preferably \mathbf{R}^{17} is selected from H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, CF₃, NH₂, NHMe or NMe₂.

Regarding the method of said first embodiment, those compounds of formula **1a** are more preferred wherein **R**¹² is selected from:

wherein R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently is Me, Et, OMe, O-iPr, SMe, Br, Cl, F, CF₃ or C(O)OMe; or wherein R^{12} is selected from:

$$\bigcap_{\mathsf{NMe}_2}, \ \bigcap_{\mathsf{or}} \ \mathsf{or} \ \bigcap_{\mathsf{NMe}_2}.$$

Very most preferably R¹² is selected from:

According to the first embodiment of the first aspect of this invention, alternatively the compound to be administered is preferably a compound represented by formula **1b**:

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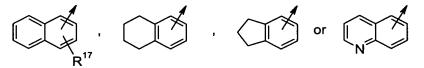
$Ar^3 - X - W - Ar^2$ 1b

wherein X, W and Ar^2 are as defined hereinbefore and Ar^3 is selected from the group consisting of:

$$R^{12A}$$
, R^{20} , R^{20A} , R^{20A} , R^{12C} and R^{12D}

wherein R12A, R12B, R12C and R12D each is a phenyl of formula

wherein R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently represents H, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, O- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, S- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, halo, CF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, Ph, 2-methylphenyl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, C(O)NH₂, morpholino, 1-pyrrolyl, (2-NO₂-Ph)CH₂, PhCH₂, C(O)OR¹⁶ wherein R¹⁶ is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; or R^{12B} , R^{12C} and R^{12D} each is



wherein \mathbf{R}^{17} is H, $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl, O- $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl, halo, CF₃ or N $\mathbf{R}^{18}\mathbf{R}^{19}$ wherein \mathbf{R}^{18} and \mathbf{R}^{19} each independently is H or $(C_{1.4})$ alkyl;

and R^{20} and R^{20A} each is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl.

Preferably Ar³ is represented by the formula:

wherein R12C is as hereinbefore and R20A is H, Me, Et, Pr or iPr.

Most preferably R^{12C} is a phenyl of the formula

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Me or Et.

wherein R^{13C}, R^{14C} and R^{15C} each independently is H, Me, Et, Pr, iPr, OMe, OEt, SMe, SEt, Br, CI, F, CF₃, NO₂, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe or C(O)OEt, provided that at least one of R^{13C}, R^{14C}, and R^{15C} is other that hydrogen, and R^{20A} is H, Me or Et; or R^{12C} is

wherein R^{17C} is selected from H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, CF₃, NH₂, NHMe or NMe₂; and R^{20A} is H,

A method of treatment according to the present invention is preferred wherein the compound is a compound of formula 1 wherein X is O or S, most preferably S.

Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula 1a wherein X is O or S and W is CR^5R^{5A} -C(O)NH wherein R^5 and R^{5A} each is independently H or Me. More preferably, X is S and W is $CH(R^5)C(O)NH$ wherein R^5 is H or Me.

Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula $\mathbf{1a}$ wherein \mathbf{X} is O or S and \mathbf{W} is \mathbf{D} -C($\mathbf{Z}^{\mathbf{B}}$) wherein \mathbf{D} is $\mathrm{CH_2CH_2O}$, $\mathrm{CH_2CH_2NH}$ or $\mathrm{CH_2CH_2NMe}$, and $\mathbf{Z}^{\mathbf{B}}$ is O. More preferably, \mathbf{X} is S and \mathbf{W} is $\mathrm{CH_2CH_2OC}(O)$.

Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula **1a** wherein **X** is O or S and **W** is CH₂CH₂CH₂, CH₂CH₂CH(OH), CH₂CH(OH)CH₂, trans – CH₂CH=CH, trans – CH₂CF=CH or

25 More preferably, **X** is S and **W** is CH₂CH₂CH(OH), CH₂CH(OH)CH₂ or trans-(CH₂)

Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula **1a** wherein **X** is O or S and **W** is CH₂CH₂O, CH₂CH₂O, CH₂CH(OH)CH₂O, CH₂CH₂OH, CH(OH)CH₂NH, CH(OH)CH₂NH, CH₂CH₂NMe or CH₂CH(OH)CH₂NH. More preferably, **X** is S and **W** is CH₂CH(OH)CH₂O, CH(OH)CH₂NH or CH₂CH(OH)CH₂NH.

Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula **1a** wherein **X** is a valence bond and **W** is CH=CHC(O)NH or

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Preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula **1a**, wherein **X** is CH₂ and **W** is SCH₂C(O)NH, OCH₂C(O)NH, NHCH₂C(O)NH or NMeCH₂C(O)NH. More preferably **X** is CH₂ and **W** is SCH₂C(O)NH.

Most preferably, the method of treatment relates to compounds of formula **1a** wherein **X** is S and **W** is CH₂C(O)NH, CH(Me)C(O)NH, CH₂CH₂CH(OH), CH₂CH(OH)CH₂, CH₂CH(OH)CH₂NH or

20 Preferably, the method of treatment relates to of compounds of formula **1a** wherein **Ar**² is phenyl of formula:

wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ each independently represents H, Me, Et, iPr, OMe, OEt, SMe, SEt, Br, Cl, F, I, CF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, Ph, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe, C(O)OEt, C(O)Me, C(O)Et, C(O)NH₂, SO₂Me, SO₂NH₂, morpholino, 1-pyrrolyl, (2-NO₂Ph)CH₂ or PhCH₂. More preferably, R⁹ is halo or NO₂, and R¹⁰ is OMe, halo, OH, NO₂, Ph, C(O)OH or C(O)OMe.

More preferably, Ar² is selected from

wherein R⁹ is Me, Cl, F, Br, I or NO₂.

Even more preferably, Ar² is is selected from:

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wherein \mathbf{R}^9 is Me, Br, CI, F, I or NO₂, and \mathbf{R}^{10} is Me, OMe, CI, F, OH, Ph, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe or CN.

Most preferably, Ar² is selected from:

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wherein R⁹ is CI, Br, I, or NO₂; or

wherein R9 and R10 each is F; or wherein R9 and R10 each is CI; or

$$R^9$$

wherein R⁹ is CI and R¹⁰ is OMe, CI, OH, CN, Ph, C(O)OH or C(O)OMe.

Alternatively, Ar² is 5-(1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydronaphthalenyl).

In addition, the method of treatment preferably relates to the compounds of formula 1b wherein Ar^3 is

wherein R^{12A} is as defined hereinabove. More preferably, the use of the compounds of formula 1b wherein Ar^3 is as defined in the last instance and R^{12A} is a phenyl of formula

wherein R^{13A}, R^{14A}, and R^{15A} each independently represents H, Me, Et, Pr, i-Pr, OMe, OEt, SMe, SEt, Br, Cl, F, CF₃, NO₂, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe or C(O)OEt, provided that at least one of R^{13A}, R^{14A}, and R^{15A} is other that hydrogen; or R^{12A} is

$$\bigcap_{\mathsf{R}^{17\mathsf{A}}} \bigcap_{\mathsf{O}} \mathsf{Or} \bigcap_{\mathsf{C}} \mathsf{Or}$$

wherein R^{17A} is selected from H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, CF₃, NH₂, NHMe or NMe₂. Most preferably, the use of the compound of formula **1b** wherein **Ar**³ is

wherein R12A is

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15 Preferably, Ar³ is

wherein R^{12C} is as defined in the first instance herein, and R^{20A} is H, Me, Et, Pr or iPr. More preferably, the use of the compounds of formula 1b wherein Ar^3 is as defined in the last instance and R^{12C} is a phenyl of formula:

wherein R^{13C} , R^{14C} and R^{15C} are respectively as defined above for R^{13A} , R^{14A} and R^{15A} ; and R^{20A} is H, Me or Et; or R^{12C} is

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wherein R^{17C} is selected from H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, CF₃, NH₂, NHMe or NMe₂; and R^{20A} is H, Me or Et. Most preferably, the use of a compound of formula **1b** wherein **Ar**³ is as defined in the last instance and R^{12C} is

10 and R^{20A} is H or Me.

According to a second embodiment of the first aspect of the present invention there is provided a method for treating HIV infection comprising administering to an infected human a therapeutically effective amount of a compound represented by formula 1a:

$$N-N$$
 N
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 $X-W-Ar^2$
1a

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wherein X, W and Ar^2 are as defined hereinbefore and R^{12} is a phenyl of formula

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wherein R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently represents H, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, $O-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $S-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, phenyl, 2-methylphenyl, SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $C(O)NH_2$, morpholino, 1-pyrrolyl, (2-nitrophenyl)- CH_2 , phenylmethyl, $C(O)OR^{16}$ wherein R^{16} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; or

wherein R¹² is selected from the group consisting of

$$R^{30}$$
 R^{32}
 R^{31}
 R^{32}
 R^{31}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}

wherein R³¹, R³²,

- are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, and (C_{1-4}) alkyl, or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; and
 - R³⁰ represents H, Cl, Br, COO(C₁₋₄)alkyl.

According to said second embodiment the method of this invention preferably relates to a compound of the formula **1a** wherein **R**¹² is preferably selected from:

$$R^{15}$$
 R^{13}
 R^{30}
 R^{32}
 R^{30}
 R^{31}
 R^{32}
 R^{31}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
 R^{33}
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R¹³ represents F, Cl, Br, CH₃, COO(C₁₋₄)alkyl;

R¹⁴, R¹⁵,

20 R^{31} , R^{32} ,

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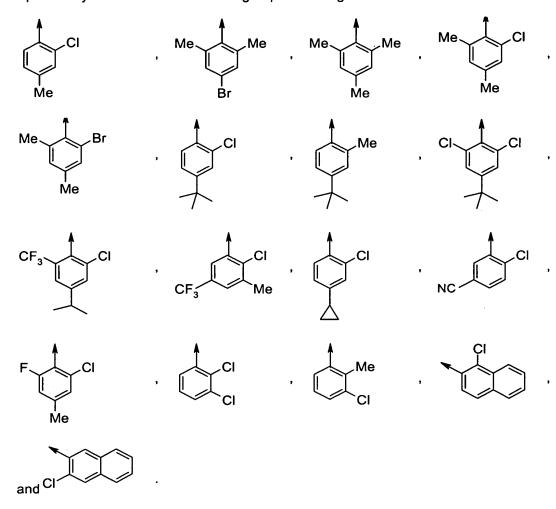
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are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, SO₂NH₂, SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C(O)OR¹ wherein R¹ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, or NR²R³ wherein R² and R³ each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl;

and

R³⁰ represents H, Cl, Br, COO(C₁₋₄)alkyl.

5 Most preferably R¹² is selected from the group consisting of:



A method according to the present invention is preferred wherein the compound is a compound of formula 1 wherein X is O or S, most preferably S.

Furthermore, a method according to the present invention is preferred wherein the compound is a compound of formula 1 wherein -X-W- is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

-S-(CR5R5A)-CO-NR6,

-O-(CR5R5A)-CO-NR6,

-S-(C2-4)alkylene-O-, and

-S-(C₂₋₄)alkylene-NR⁶-,

wherein R⁵ and R^{5A} each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, R⁶ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and wherein the (C₂₋₄)alkylene group is optionally substituted with OH.

Most preferably -X-W- is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

-S-CH₂-CO-NH-,

10 -OCH₂-CO-NH-,

-S-CH₂-CH₂-CHOH-,

-S-CH₂-CHOH-CH₂-,

-S-CH₂-CHOH-CH₂-O-, and

-S-CH₂-CHOH-CH₂-NH-.

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A most preferred meaning of the group **W** is CH(R⁵)C(O)NH wherein R⁵ is H or Me.

A method according to the present invention is preferred wherein the compound is a compound of formula 1 wherein Ar^2 is selected from the group consisting of

$$R^{11} \xrightarrow{R^9} R^{11} \xrightarrow{R^9} R^{11} \xrightarrow{R^9} R^{11} \xrightarrow{R^{10}} R^{10}$$

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wherein R9 is (C1-3)alkyl, halo or NO2, and

 R^{10} , R^{11} are independently of each other selected from the group consisting of H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, $O(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $S(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, $-NR^{N1}R^{N2}$, $-C(O)R^{21}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)R^{21}$, $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)OR^{22}$, $-SO_2$ - (C_{1-3}) alkyl- $C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH_2$, -S(O)- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, $-SO_2$ - (C_{1-6}) alkyl, $-SO_2$ -phenyl, $-SO_2$ -NH $_2$, phenyl, phenylmethyl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, 1-pyrrolyl, whereby said phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrrolyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, NO_2 , C_{1-3} -alkyl and CF_3 ; wherein R^{21} is (C_{1-4}) alkyl; R^{22} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl; and

wherein R^{N1}, R^{N2} each independently represent H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl, whereby R^{N1} and R^{N2} may

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be covalently bonded to each other to form together with the N-atom to which they are attached to a 4 to 7-membered heterocycle whereby the -CH₂-group at the position 4 of a 6 or 7-membered heterocycle may be replaced by -O-, -S- or -NR^{N3}- wherein R^{N3} represents H, -C(O)OR²², (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, wherein R²² is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl.

Most preferably Ar² is selected from the group consisting of

wherein R9 is CI or NO2;

10 wherein R^{10A} is C₁₋₄alkyl; and

 R^{10} is selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, halo, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OH, NO_2 , CN, $-NR^{N1}R^{N2}$, $-C(O)R^{21}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $-C(O)R^{21}$, $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-3})$ alkyl- $-C(O)OR^{22}$, $-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-SO_2$ - $-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-SO_2$ -phenyl, $-SO_2$ - $-NH_2$, phenyl, phenylmethyl, phenyl- $-SO_2$ -, $-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-SO_2$ -phenyl, whereby said phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrrolyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, $-NO_2$, $-C_{1-3}$ -alkyl and $-CC_3$; wherein $-CC_1$ - $-CC_1$

wherein R^{N1} , R^{N2} each independently represent H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl, whereby R^{N1} and R^{N2} may be covalently bonded to each other to form together with the N-atom to which they are attached to a 4 to 7-membered heterocycle whereby the -CH₂-group at the position 4 of a 6 or 7-membered heterocycle may be replaced by -O-, -S- or -N R^{N3} - wherein R^{N3} represents H, -C(O)O R^{22} , (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl, wherein R^{22} is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl.

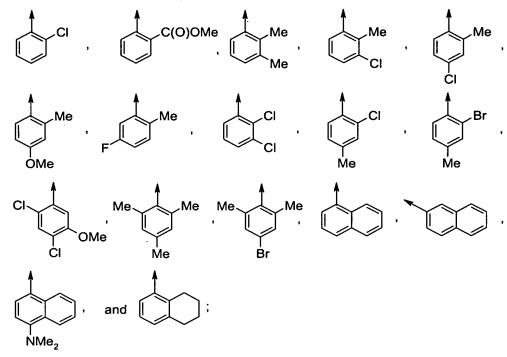
In the following preferred embodiments of the second aspect of this invention which is related to new compounds are described.

According to a first embodiment of the second aspect of the present invention, there are provided new compounds of the formula 1

Ar¹-X-W-Ar² 1

wherein Ar1 is

5 wherein R¹² is selected from the group consisting of



X is S;

W is CH₂C(O)NR⁶ wherein R⁶ is H or (C₁.4)alkyl; and

10 Ar² is

wherein R^9 is halo or NO_2 ; or

Ar² is

wherein \mathbf{R}^9 is halo or NO_2 and \mathbf{R}^{10} is halo; or

Ar² is

5 wherein R⁹ is halo or NO₂, and R¹⁰ is OMe, halo, OH, NO₂, phenyl, C(O)OH or C(O)OMe.

Most preferably, new compounds are represented by the formula 1a wherein R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of :

and X, W and Ar² are as defined in the last instance.

Alternatively, according to the first embodiment of the second aspect of the present invention new compounds of the formula 1 are provided

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wherein Ar¹ is

wherein R12C is a phenyl of formula

wherein R^{13C}, R^{14C} and R^{15C} each independently represents H, Me, Et, Pr, iPr, tBu, OMe, OEt, SMe, SEt, Br, Cl, F, CF₃, NO₂, C(O)OH, C(O)OMe or C(O)OEt, provided that at least

one of R^{13C} , R^{14C} and R^{15C} is other than hydrogen; or R^{12C} is

$$\bigcap_{\mathbb{R}^{17}}$$
 or $\bigcap_{\mathbb{R}^{17}}$

wherein R¹⁷ is selected from H, Me, OMe, Cl, F, CF₃, NH₂, NHMe or NMe₂; and R^{20A} is H,

Me, Et, Pr or iPr.

Most preferably R¹² is selected from the group consisting of:

10 X is S; W is CH₂C(O)NH and Ar² is

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a compound of formula 1 wherein Ar1 is

and X, W and Ar^2 are as defined in the last instance.

According to a second embodiment of the second aspect of the present invention, there are provided new compounds of the formula 1 wherein Ar¹ is

wherein R12 is selected from the group consisting of

$$R^{15}$$
 R^{14}
 R^{14}
 R^{15}
 R^{14}
 R^{15}
 R^{15}

wherein R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R^{20A}, R³⁰, R³¹, R³² and R³³ are as defined hereinbefore and hereinafter.

According to this second embodiment preferred meanings of the substituents are:

R¹³ represents CI or Br; and if R⁹ is NO₂, CI or Br, then R¹³ may also represent F or CH₃;

R¹⁴, R¹⁵,

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 R^{31} , R^{32} ,

are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, SO₂NH₂, SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C(O)OR¹ wherein R¹ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, or NR²R³ wherein R² and R³ each independently is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl;

R³⁰ represents CI or Br.

20 Most preferably W represents CH₂C(O)NH.

Most preferably -X- is -S-.

According to this second embodiment, most preferred are those compounds of the formula

1, wherein **Ar**¹ is:

and wherein R¹² selected from the group consisting of:

Furthermore, those compounds of formula 1 are preferred wherein Ar1 is:

wherein R^{12C} has one of the most preferred meanings of R¹² as defined above and R^{20A} is H, Me, Et, iPr or 2-hydroxy-ethyl, preferably R^{20A} is methyl or ethyl.

Furthermore those compounds of the second embodiment of the present invention are preferred wherein \mathbf{Ar}^2 is selected from the group consisting of

wherein R9 is CI or NO2 and

 R^{10A} is (C_{1-4}) alkyl;

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 ${f R}^{10}$ is selected from the group consisting of (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, NO₂, CN, -NR^{N1}R^{N2}, -C(O)R²¹, -(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)R²¹, -C(O)OR²², -(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)OR²², -SO₂-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)OR²², -(C₁₋₃)alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -S(O)-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SO₂-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SO₂-phenyl, -SO₂-NH₂, phenyl, phenylmethyl, phenyl-SO₂-, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, 1-pyrrolyl, whereby said phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrrolyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, NO₂, C₁₋₃-alkyl and CF₃; wherein ${\bf R}^{21}$ is (C₁₋₄)alkyl; ${\bf R}^{22}$ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl; wherein ${\bf R}^{N1}$, ${\bf R}^{N2}$ each independently represent H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl, whereby ${\bf R}^{N1}$ and ${\bf R}^{N2}$ may be covalently bonded to each other to form together with the N-atom to which they are attached to a 4 to 7-membered heterocycle whereby the -CH₂-group at the position 4 of a 6 or 7-membered heterocycle may be replaced by -O-, -S- or -NR^{N3}- wherein ${\bf R}^{N3}$ represents H, -C(O)OR²², (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, wherein ${\bf R}^{N2}$ is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl.

Most preferably \mathbb{R}^{10} is selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{3-6}) Cycloalkyl, CF_3 , OH, $-NH_2$, -COOH, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-SO_2-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $-SO_2$ -phenyl, $-SO_2-NH_2$, whereby said phenyl may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, NO_2 , C_{1-3} -alkyl and CF_3 .

Most preferably Ar² is selected from the group consisting of:

$$CI$$
 SO_2Me
 SO_2
 SO_2

Specific embodiments

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Included within the scope of this invention are all compounds of formula 1 as presented in Tables 1 to 8.

The compounds of formula 1 are effective inhibitors of wild type HIV as well as inhibiting the double mutation enzyme K103N/Y181C. The compounds of the invention may also inhibit the single mutation enzymes V106A, Y188L, K103N, Y181C, P236L and G190A (among others). The compounds may also inhibit other double mutation enzymes including K103N/P225H, K103N/V108I and K103N/L100I.

The compounds of formula 1 possess inhibitory activity against HIV-1 replication. When administered in suitable dosage forms, they are useful in the treatment of AIDS, ARC and related disorders associated with HIV-1 infection. Another aspect of the invention, therefore, is a method for treating HIV-1 infection which comprises administering to a human being, infected by HIV-1, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula 1, as described above. Whether it is termed treatment or prophylaxis, the compounds may also be used to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV-1 from mother to baby, by administration to the mother before giving birth and to the child within the first days of life.

The compounds of formula 1 may be administered in single or divided doses by the oral,

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parenteral or topical routes. A suitable oral dosage for a compound of formula 1 would be in the range of about 0.5 mg to 3 g per day. A preferred oral dosage for a compound of formula 1 would be in the range of about 100 mg to 800 mg per day for a patient weighing 70 kg. In parenteral formulations, a suitable dosage unit may contain from 0.1 to 250 mg of said compounds, preferably 1 mg to 200 mg, whereas for topical administration, formulations containing 0.01 to 1% active ingredient are preferred. It should be understood, however, that the dosage administration from patient to patient would vary. The dosage for any particular patient will depend upon the clinician's judgement, who will use as criteria for fixing a proper dosage the size and condition of the patient as well as the patient's response to the drug.

When the compounds of the present invention are to be administered by the oral route, they may be administered as medicaments in the form of pharmaceutical preparations that contain them in association with a compatible pharmaceutical carrier material. Such carrier material can be an inert organic or inorganic carrier material suitable for oral administration. Examples of such carrier materials are water, gelatin, talc, starch, magnesium stearate, gum arabic, vegetable oils, polyalkylene-glycols, petroleum jelly and the like.

20 The compounds of formula 1 can be used in combination with one or more other antiretroviral drug known to one skilled in the art, as a combined preparation useful for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration for treating or preventing HIV infection in an individual. Examples of antiretroviral drugs that may be used in combination therapy with compounds of formula 1, include but are not limited to, NRTIs (such as AZT), NNRTI's (such as Nevirapine), CCR5 antagonists (such as SCH-351125), CXCR4 25 antagonists (such as AMD-3100), integrase inhibitors (such as L-870,810), viral fusion inhibitors (such as T-20), antifungal or antibacterial agents (such as fluconazole), compounds of the TIBO (tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5,1-jk][1,4]-benzodiazepine-2(1H)-one and thione)-type, compounds of the α -APA (α -anilino phenyl acetamide)-type, TAT inhibitors, protease inhibitors (such as Ritanovir), and immunomodulating agents (such as 30 Levamisole) and investigational drugs (such as DMP-450 or DPC-083). Moreover, a compound of formula 1 can be used with another compound of formula 1.

The pharmaceutical preparations can be prepared in a conventional manner and finished

dosage forms can be solid dosage forms, for example, tablets, dragees, capsules, and the like, or liquid dosage forms, for example solutions, suspensions, emulsions and the like. The pharmaceutical preparations may be subjected to conventional pharmaceutical operations such as sterilization. Further, the pharmaceutical preparations may contain conventional adjuvants such as preservatives, stabilizers, emulsifiers, flavor-improvers, wetting agents, buffers, salts for varying the osmotic pressure and the like. Solid carrier material which can be used include, for example, starch, lactose, mannitol, methyl cellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, talc, silica, dibasic calcium phosphate, and high molecular weight polymers (such as polyethylene glycol).

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For parenteral use, a compound of formula 1 can be administered in an aqueous or non-aqueous solution, suspension or emulsion in a pharmaceutically acceptable oil or a mixture of liquids, which may contain bacteriostatic agents, antioxidants, preservatives, buffers or other solutes to render the solution isotonic with the blood, thickening agents, suspending agents or other pharmaceutically acceptable additives. Additives of this type include, for example, tartrate, citrate and acetate buffers, ethanol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, complex formers (such as EDTA), antioxidants (such as sodium bisulfite, sodium metabisulfite, and ascorbic acid), high molecular weight polymers (such as liquid polyethylene oxides) for viscosity regulation and polyethylene derivatives of sorbitol anhydrides. Preservatives may also be added if necessary, such as benzoic acid, methyl or propyl paraben, benzalkonium chloride and other quaternary ammonium compounds.

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application and may contain in addition to the compounds of this invention suitable buffers, tonicity adjusters, microbial preservatives, antioxidants and viscosity-increasing agents in an aqueous vehicle. Examples of agents used to increase viscosity are polyvinyl alcohol, cellulose derivatives, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polysorbates or glycerin. Microbial preservatives added may include benzalkonium chloride, thimerosal, chloro-butanol or phenylethyl

30 alcohol.

Additionally, the compounds provided by the invention may be administerable by suppository.

The compounds of this invention may also be administered as solutions for nasal

Method I gy and synthesis

In general, the compounds of formula 1 are prepared by known methods from readily available starting materials, using reaction conditions known to be suitable for the reactants.

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A process for preparing a compound of formula 1, wherein X is S or O and W is $(CR^5R^{5A})_1$.

2 C(O)NR⁶ as defined herein, is illustrated as follows:

$$Ar^{1}-X-H$$
 \longrightarrow $Ar^{1}-X-(CR^{5}R^{5A})_{1-2}C(O)OR^{A}$

1 (i) \downarrow 1 (ii)

 $Y-(CR^{5}R^{5A})_{1-2}C(O)NR^{6}Ar^{2}$ \longrightarrow $Ar^{1}-X-(CR^{5}R^{5A})_{1-2}C(O)NR^{6}Ar^{2}$

1 (iii) Corresponding compound of formula 1

wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are as defined herein, X is S or O, R^A is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl and Y is halo, e.g. Br or Cl.

The process comprises:

- a) reacting a thiol or alcohol of formula Ar¹-X-H {1(i)} with an ω-halo alkanoic alkyl ester of formula Y-(CR⁵R⁵^A)₁₋₂C(O)OR⁴ wherein Y is halo and R⁴ is (C₁-₄)alkyl, in the presence of a base, to obtain the corresponding ester of formula Ar¹-X-(CR⁵R⁵)₁-₂C(O)OR⁴ {1(ii)}, followed by hydrolysis of the ester to the corresponding acid wherein R⁴=H, and coupling the latter acid with an aromatic amine of general formula HNR⁶-Ar² in the presence of a coupling agent to obtain the corresponding compound of formula 1 wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are as defined herein, X is S or O and W is (CR⁵R⁵A)₁-₂C(O)-NR⁶ as defined herein; or
- b) reacting a thiol or alcohol of formula Ar^1 -X-H wherein Ar^1 is as defined herein and X is S or O with an anilide of formula Y-(CR^5R^{5A})₁₋₂C(O)NR⁶-Ar² in the presence of a base to obtain the corresponding compound of formula 1.

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The requisite starting material of formula Ar¹-X-H can be prepared readily by reacting a commercially available aromatic isocyanate or isothiocyanates with sodium azide to give directly the desired starting material. The aromatic amine HNR⁶-Ar² is either available commercially or can be prepared by known methods.

The requisite aromatic amide of formula Y-(CR⁵R^{5A})₁₋₂-C(O)NR⁶-Ar² can be prepared readily by known methods from commercially available amines; for example, see example 2 hereinafter.

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Although several well known coupling agents can be used in the preceding process, phosphorus oxychloride has been found to be practical and efficient.

Processes and reactants for preparing other compounds of formula 1 are illustrated further by the examples hereinafter.

EXAMPLES

The present invention is illustrated in further detail by the following non-limiting examples.

All reactions were performed in a nitrogen or argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated.

Room temperature is 18 to 22 °C (degrees Celsius). Solution percentages or ratios express a volume to volume relationship, unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations or symbols used herein include:

20 Boc: tert-butoxycarbonyl;

CHAPS: 3-{(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylammonio}-1-propanesulfonate;

DEAD: diethyl azodicarboxylate;

DIAD: diisopropyl azodicarboxylate;

DMF: N,N-dimethylformamide;

25 DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide;

dppf:1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene;

DPPBE: 4-diphenylphosphanylbenzoic acid, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl ester;

DTT: DL-dithiothreitol;

Et₂O: diethyl ether;

30 EtOAc: ethyl acetate;

GSH: glutathione;

HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography;

iPr: isopropyl;

LDA: Lithium diisopropylamide;

MCPBA: meta-chloroperbenzoic acid;

Me: methyl;

MeOH: methanol;

MeCN: acetonitrile;

5 Ph: phenyl;

TBAF: tetrabutylammonium fluoride;

TFA: trifluoroacetic acid; THF: tetrahydrofuran;

10 SYNTHESES

The following examples illustrate methods for preparing compounds of the invention.

EXAMPLE 1: (ENTRY 208)

N-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-{{1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetamide

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a) 1,2-Dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5H-tetrazole-5-thione

To a solution of NaN₃ (1.76 g, 27.0 mmol) in a mixture of 1,4-dioxane (25 mL) and water (25 mL) was added 1-naphthalenylisothiocyanate (5.00 g, 27.0 mmol) at room temperature. The yellow solution containing a white solid was heated at 102 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and aqueous 1 N HCl solution was added until pH 2 was reached. The aqueous mixture was extracted with EtOAc (250 mL). The organic layer was extracted with aqueous 1 N NaOH solution. The aqueous layer was acidified with aqueous 6 N HCl solution and a white precipitate formed. The suspension was filtered and the resulting solid was triturated with Et₂O/hexane (1/1) to give the title compound (3.89 g, 63% yield) as an off white solid.

b) 2-{{1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetic acid

Pyridine (0.83 mL, 10.3 mmol) and 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5H-tetrazole-5-thione (2.14 g, 9.38 mmol) were added to a solution of methyl 2-bromoacetate (977 μ L, 10.3 mmol) in DMSO (50 mL). The resulting light yellow solution was stirred at room

temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with EtOAc (300 ml) and was successively washed with water (2 × 250 ml) and brine (100 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude ester was dissolved in THF and aqueous 1 N NaOH solution was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The THF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in aqueous 1 N NaOH solution. The solution was slowly acidified to pH 2 at 0 °C with aqueous 1 N HCl solution. The suspension was filtered and the resulting solid was rinsed with water and dried under reduced pressure to give the title compound (2.48 g, 92% yield) as a white solid.

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c) N-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-{{1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetamide

2-{{1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}acetic acid (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) and 2-chloroaniline (202 μ L, 1.92 mmol) were dissolved in dry pyridine (8 mL). This solution was cooled to 0 °C and POCl₃ (0.179 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, quenched with a few drops of water, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and the resulting solution was successively washed with water (2 × 30 ml) and brine (30 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 :(CH_3) $_2CO$, 95:5) to afford the title compound (643 mg, 85% yield) as a solid.

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EXAMPLE 2: (ENTRY 101)

2-{{1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

$$H_2N$$
 H_2N
 H_2N

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a) 2-Bromo-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

2-Bromoacetyl bromide (173 μ L, 1.99 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 2-nitroaniline (250 mg, 1.81 mmol) and pyridine (293 μ L) in CH₂Cl₂ (9 mL). The reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min. The mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), washed with aqueous 1 *N* HCl solution (10 mL), water (10 ml) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound (431 mg, 92% yield) as an orange solid.

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b) 2-{{1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

To a solution of 2-bromo-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide (186 mg, 0.718 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL) was added pyridine (116 μ L, 1.43 mmol) followed by 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5H-tetrazole-5-thione (164 mg, 0.718 mmol). The dark brown solution was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) and washed with water (2 × 40 mL), brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and directly loaded onto silica gel. The crude sample was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc) to afford 140 mg of a light yellow solid which was lyophilized from water-MeCN to afford (136 mg, 47% yield) of the title compound.

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EXAMPLE 3: (ENTRY 304)

1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-N-(2-nitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole-5-propanamide

20 a) 1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole-5-propanoic acid

A 0.5 M DPPBE solution in THF (20.0 mL, 10.0 mmol), DIAD (1.97 mL, 10.0 mmol) and TMSN₃ (1.33 mL, 10.0 mmol) were successively added to a solution of methyl 4-{(1-naphthalenyl)amino}-4-oxobutanoate (1.29 g, 5.00 mmol) in THF (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. A 1.0 M TBAF solution in THF (5.00 mL, 5.00 mmol; additional 5.00 mL added after 5.5 h) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6.5 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken in EtOAc (250 mL). The solution was successively washed with aqueous 1 N HCl solution (25 mL), water (25 mL), aqueous 1 N NaOH solution (2 × 15 mL), water (15 mL) and brine (15 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partially purified by flash

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chromatography (hexane:EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂, 3:1:1) to yield the impure ester. The ester was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and MeOH (5 mL) and aqueous 1 *N* NaOH solution (3.0 mL, 3.00 mmol) was added to the solution. The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 1 h. The organic solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting aqueous solution was washed with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The aqueous layer was rendered acidic by addition of aqueous 1 N HCl solution (15 mL) and was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (768 mg, 58% yield) as a white solid.

b) 1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole-5-propanoyl chloride

A solution of $(COCI)_2$ (310 μ L,3.45 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 (1 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of 1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole-5-propanoic acid (738 mg, 2.75 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 (50 mL) and DMF (50 μ L). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. The mixture was concentrated to give the title compound (789 mg, 100% yield).

c) 1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-N-(2-nitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole-5-propanamide

A solution of 1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazole-5-propanoyl chloride (112 mg, 0.39 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added slowly to a solution of 2-nitroaniline (54.5 mg, 0.39 mmol) and pyridine (79.3 μ L, 0.98 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL). The solution was successively washed with aqueous 1 N HCl solution (10 mL), water (10 mL), aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution (2 × 5 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated with Et₂O:hexane (1:1) to give, after drying, the title compound (72 mg, 47% yield) as a yellow solid.

EXAMPLE 4: (ENTRY 316)

trans-5-{{{2-(2-Chlorophenyl)cyclopropyl}methyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole

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a) trans-3-(2-Chlor phenyl)-2-propen-1-ol

A solution of 2-chlorocinnamic acid (5.00 g, 27.4 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was slowly added to a suspension of NaBH₄ (1.24 g, 32.9 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred until evolution of gas ceased. A solution of I₂ (3.47 g, 13.7 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Aqueous 3 N HCl solution (10 mL) was added carefully and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were successively washed with aqueous 1 N NaOH solution and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:(CH₃)₂CO, 95:5) to yield the title compound (2.86 g, 62% yield).

b) trans-2-(2-Chlorophenyl)cyclopropanemethanol

 $Pd(OAc)_2$ (13.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added to a solution of trans-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-propen-1-ol (100 mg, 0.59 mmol) in a solution of CH_2N_2 in Et_2O (ca. 0.6 M, 25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. An additional amount of CH_2N_2 solution in Et_2O (25 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through diatomaceous earth and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 :(CH_3) $_2CO$, 95:5) to yield the title compound (85.5 mg, 79% yield).

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c) trans-5-{{{2-(2-Chlorophenyl)cyclopropyl}methyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazole

DIAD (87 μL, 0.44 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5*H*-tetrazole-5-thione (84.0 mg, 0.37 mmol), *trans*-2-(2-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanemethanol (80.5 mg, 0.44 mmol), and PPh₃ (116 mg, 0.44 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h then was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:(CH₃)₂CO, 95:5) to give the title compound (81 mg, 56% yield) as a white solid.

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EXAMPLE 5: (ENTRY 317)

5-{{3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazole

a) Methyl 2-chloro-β-hydroxybenzenepropanoate

Methyl acetate (5.09 mL, 64.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a cold (-78 °C) solution of LDA [prepared at 0 °C from *i*-Pr₂NH (10.5 mL, 74.7 mmol) and 2.0 M *n*-BuLi in hexane (37.3 mL, 74.7 mmol)] in THF (50 mL). After 45 min, the enolate solution was added via cannula to a cold (-78 °C) solution of 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (3.00 g, 21.3 mmol) in THF (50 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Aqueous saturated NH₄Cl solution (15 mL) was then added and the mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken in Et₂O (300 mL) and the resulting solution was washed with water (2 × 50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partially purified by flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:(CH₃)₂CO, 95:5) to give the title compound (2.9 g, 63% yield).

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b) 1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-propanediol

LiAlH₄ (1.28 g, 33.8 mmol) was added to an ice-cold solution of methyl 2-chloro- β -hydroxybenzenepropanoate (2.90 g, 13.5 mmol) in THF (70 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. Water (4.0 mL), aqueous 10% NaOH solution (4.0 mL) and water (12 mL) were successively added to the mixture. Et₂O (300 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with water (2 × 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:EtOAc, 1:1) to give the title compound (829 mg, 33% yield).

c) 5-{{3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole DIAD (82 μL, 0.42 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-

naphthalenyl)-5*H*-tetrazole-5-thione (80.0 mg, 0.35 mmol), 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-propanediol (65.4 mg, 0.35 mmol), and PPh₃ (110 mg, 0.42 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h then was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography

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(CH₂Cl₂:(CH₃)₂CO, 95:5) to give the title compound (70 mg, 50% yield) as a white solid.

EXAMPLE 6: (ENTRY 318)

5-{{3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxypropyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazole

N-N N SH CI

a) 2-Chloro-1-(2,3-epoxypropyl)benzene

MCPBA (826 mg, 3.83 mmol) was added portionwise to an ice-cold solution of 2-chloro-1-allylbenzene (487 mg, 3.19 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Aqueous 10% Na_2CO_3 solution (10 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) were added. The solution was successively washed with aqueous 10% $Na_2S_2O_3$ (2 × 40 mL) and brine (40 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:EtOAc, 8:2) to give the title compound (512 mg, 95% yield).

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b) 5-{{3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxypropyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-tetrazole A solution of 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5H-tetrazole-5-thione (50.0 mg, 0.22 mmol), 2-chloro-1-(2,3-epoxypropyl)benzene (36.9 mg, 0.22 mmol) and Et₃N (0.15 mL, 1.10 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was heated at reflux for 2 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by HPLC using a gradient of MeCN/H₂O containing TFA (0.1%) (CombiPrep ODS-AQ 50x20mm, 5 μ , 120Å). The pure fractions were concentrated to give the title compound (12 mg, 14% yield) as a colorless solid.

25 **EXAMPLE 7: (ENTRY 330)**

5-{{3-{(2-Chlorophenyl)amino}-2-hydroxypropyl}thio}-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-tetrazole

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A solution of 2-chloroaniline (46.1 μ L, 0.44 mmol), epichlorohydrin (51.4 μ L, 0.66 mmol) and Et₃N (0.30 mL, 2.19 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 16 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography. A solution of the intermediate obtained (93.4 mg), 1,2-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-5*H*-tetrazole-5-thione (50.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) and Et₃N (0.30 mL, 2.19 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 3 days. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by HPLC using a gradient of MeCN/H₂O containing TFA (0.1%) (CombiPrep ODS-AQ 50x20mm, 5 μ , 120Å). The pure fractions were concentrated to give the title compound (11.7 mg, 13% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

EXAMPLE 8: (ENTRY 401)

2-{{4-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

a) 1,3-Dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2H-imidazole-2-thione

A solution of 1-naphthalenylthioisocyanate (893 mg, 4.82 mmol) and 2-aminoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (0.70 mL, 4.85 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Aqueous 12 N HCl solution (0.2 mL) was added and the mixture was heated at 110 °C for 3 h and then stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated with hot EtOAc to give the title compound (608 mg, 56% yield).

b) 2-{{4-(1-Naphthalenyl)-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

A solution of 1,3-dihydro-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2H-imidazole-2-thione (129 mg, 0.50 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) was added slowly to a solution of 2-bromo-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide (113 mg, 0.50 mmol) and pyridine (121 μ L, 1.49 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, then diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (3 ×) and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was

purified by HPLC using a gradient of MeCN/H₂O containing TFA (0.06%) (CombiPrep ODS-AQ 50x20mm, 5 μ, 120Å). The pure fractions were combined and lyophilized to give the title compound (8.4 mg, 4% yield).

5 **EXAMPLE 9: (ENTRY 402)**

2-{{4-(1-Naphthalenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

a) 2,4-Dihydro-4-(1-naphthalenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione

A solution of 4-(1-naphthalenyl)-3-thiosemicarbazide (4.01 g, 18.4 mmol) and *N*,*N*,-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (2.50 mL, 18.8 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken in hexane and Et₂O and the solution was stirred until a suspension was obtained. The suspension was filtered and the solid was triturated with hexane:Et₂O (4:1), then was dried under reduced pressure to give the title compound (4.19 g, 90% yield) as a beige solid.

b) 2-{{4-(1-Naphthalenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl}thio}-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide A solution of 2,4-dihydro-4-(1-naphthalenyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione (129 mg, 0.50 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) was added slowly to a solution of 2-bromo-N-(2-nitrophenyl)acetamide (113 mg, 0.50 mmol) and pyridine (121 μ L, 1.49 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, then diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (3 ×) and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. A mixture of Et₂O and hexane (1:1) was added, the resulting suspension was filtered and the

filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by HPLC using a gradient of MeCN/H₂O containing TFA (0.06%) (CombiPrep ODS-AQ 50x20mm, 5 μ , 120Å). The pure fractions were combined and concentrated to give the title compound (4.5 mg, 2% yield).

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EXAMPLE 10: (ENTRY 406)

2-{{2-(1-Naphthalenyl)phenyl}thi }-N-(2-chorophenyl)acetamid

5 a) 2-{(2-Bromophenyl)thio}acetic acid

2-Bromothiophenol (4.00 g, 21.6 mmol) was added to a solution of methyl 2-bromoacetate (2.20 mL, 23.3 mmol) and pyridine (1.88 mL, 23.3 mmol) in DMSO (50 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (300 mL) and the resulting solution was washed with water (2 × 250 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in THF (50 mL), aqueous 1 N NaOH solution (25 mL, 25 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min. The mixture was concentrated and the aqueous solution was diluted with aqueous 1 N NaOH solution. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and was slowly rendered acidic (pH = 2) by addition of aqueous 1 N HCl solution. The resulting suspension was filtered, the solid was washed with water and dried under reduced pressure to give the title compound (3.71 g, 71% yield) as a white solid.

b) 2-{(2-Bromophenyl)thio}-N-(2-chlorophenyl)acetamide

PCl₃ (0.39 mL, 4.45 mmol) was added to an ice-cold solution of 2-{(2-bromophenyl)thio}acetic acid (1.00 g, 4.05 mmol) and 2-chloroaniline (0.47 mL, 4.45 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Water (few drops) was added and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂) to give the title compound (957 mg, 66% yield) as a yellow solid.

c) 2-{{2-(1-Naphthalenyl)phenyl}thio}-N-(2-chorophenyl)acetamide

PdCl₂(dppf) (1:1 complex with CH₂Cl₂, 41.0 mg, 56.0 μ mol) and dppf (31.1 mg, 56.1 μ mol) were added to a degassed (N₂, 45 min) solution of 2-{(2-bromophenyl)thio}-N-(2-chlorophenyl)acetamide (200 mg, 0.56 mmol), 1-naphthaleneboronic acid (116 mg, 0.67

mmol) and K_3PO_4 (357 mg, 1.68 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 3 h. The cooled mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 :(CH_3)₂CO, 98:2) to give the title compound (147 mg, 65% yield) as a pale orange solid.

Tables 1 to 8 illustrate further compounds of the present invention, which can be synthesized in analogy to the methods as described hereinbefore, optionally modified by procedures known to the one skilled in the art.

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TABLE 1

Entry #	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
101		407
102	NMe ₂	450
103		407
104		411
105		397

106 408 107 421 108 357 109 425 110 425 111 425 113 475 114 4 391/393	Entry #	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
107 421 108 357 109 371 110 425 111 425 112 iPr 399 113 375 114 4 391/393	106	†	408
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109	107	†	421
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109	108	1 1	357
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110	400		074
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113 375 114 391/393			
114 A 391/393			
114 4 391/393	113	1	375
114 391/393		I / W/	
1 /2 /01	114	CI	391/393
115 387	115		397
OMe 367	113	OMe	307
116 1 403	116	1	403
SMe		1 / 🛇	
117 4 415	117	1	415
CO ₂ Me		CO₂Me	

Entry # 118	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
118	1	371
	Me	
119	1	391/393
	Cl	
120	1	415
	CO ₂ Me	
121	A	387
	OMe	
122	Me	385
100	Me	105/107/100
123	CI	425/427/429
	CI	
124		405/407
	Me	
	Cı	
125	†	385
	Me	
100	Me	405/407/400
126	CI	425/427/429
	CI	
127	1	401
	Me	
	Оме	

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129 A 405/407	
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130 4 449/451	
Br	
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131 4 417	
OMe	
OMe	
132 4 461	
Me	
Me	
455/457/450	
133 455/457/459	
MeO	
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134 483/485/487	
iPrO	
ĊI COZ	
135 387 Ms ES MS ES	
(M-H)	
F	
136 421/423	
OMe	
Cı	

Entry #	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
137	1	457/459
		MS ES
		(M-H)
	CF ₃	
138	Cl	385
136	Me Me	300
139	†	405/407
	CI	
140	-	461/463
	Me	MS ES
		(M-H)
	Br	
141	l †	399
	Me	
	Me	
142	1	399
	<u>Y</u>	
143	iPr	428
143		420
	NEt ₂	
144	† .	425/427/429
	CI	
145	<u> </u>	405/407
175	CI	430/401
	Me	
146	1	419/421
	Me CI	
	Me	
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Entry #	R ¹²	MS ES+ (MH)
147	1	463/465
	Me Br	

TABLE 2

Entry #	Ar ²	MS ES* (MH)
201		362
202	Me	376
203	Et	390
204	iPr	404
205	PhCH ₂	452
206	Ph	438
207	F	380
208	CI	396/398
209	Br	440/442
210	X	488
211	но	378

Entry #	Ar ²	MS ES* (MH)
Entry # 212		392
	MeO	400
213		406
	EtO	
214		430
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	CF ₃	
215		404
	Me Me	
216	0	420
210		420
	MeO ₂ C	
217		405
	H₂NOC ✓	
218		408
219	MeS	440
213		110
	Me S O	
220	0 0	441
220		441
	NH ₂ SO ₂	
221		447
	N N	
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222		427
	N V	
	110	100
223	NO ₂	407
224		392
225	OMe	270
225		378
	ОН	
226		438
	Ph	

Entry #	Ar ²	MS ES⁺ (MH)	
227		407	
	NO ₂		
228	Me	390	
	Me		
229		416	
230	F	398	
	F		
231	ÇI	430/432/434	
	CI		
232	F	414/416	
	CI		
233		390	
004	Me Me	420/422/424	
234		430/432/434	
	CI CI		
235		454/456	
	CI CO ₂ Me	110/110	
236		440/442	
	CI CO₂H		
237		426/428	
000	CIOMe	470/474	
238		472/474	
	CI		
239		419	
		MS ES	
240	CI CN	(M-H)	
240		390	
	Me		
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Entry #	Ar ²	MS ES* (MH)
241	G	430/432/434
242	OMe	422
243		363
244	Z	363
245		363
246	СІ ОН	412/414

TABLE 3

Entry #	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES [†] (MH)
301	S	CHMeC(O)NH	NO ₂	421
302	0	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	391
303	NH	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	390
304	CH₂	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	389

Entry #	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES ⁺ (MH)
305	CH₂	CH₂CH₂C(O)NH	G	392/394
306	CH₂	CH₂CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	403
307	СН	CHC(O)NH	NO ₂	387
308	S	CH₂C(S)NH	C	412/414
309	S	CH₂CHOH	NO ₂	394
310	S	CH₂CH₂	NO ₂	378
311	S	CH₂CH₂CH₂	CI	381/383
312	S	trans- CH₂CH=CH	NO ₂	390
313	S	trans- CH₂CH=CH	CC	379/381
314	S	trans- CH₂CF=CH		397/399
315	S	cis- CH₂CF=CH	S. C.	397/399
316	S	CH ₂	CI	393/395

Entry #	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES [†] (MH)
317	S	CH₂CH₂CHOH	нон	
318	S	CH₂CH(OH)CH₂	CI	397/399
319	S	CH₂CH(OH)CHOH	C	413/415
320	S	CH₂CH₂O	NO ₂	394
321	S	CH₂CH₂O	CI	383/385
322	S	CH₂CH₂O(CO)	NO ₂	422
323	S	CH₂CH₂O(CO)	CI	411/413
324	S	CH₂CH₂CH₂O	CI	397/399
325	S	CH₂CH(OH)CH₂O	CI	413/415
326	S	CH₂CH₂NH	NO ₂	393
327	S	CH₂CH₂NMe	NO ₂	407
328	S	CH₂CH₂NHCH₂	NO ₂	407

Entry #	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES ⁺ (MH)
329	S	CH₂CH₂CH₂NH	NO ₂	407
330	S	CH₂CH(OH)CH₂NH	G	412/414
331	S	CH₂CH₂NH(CO)	CI	410/412
332	S	CH₂CH₂NMe(CO)	Ci	424/426
333	S	CH₂CH₂NH(CO)NH	NO ₂	436
334	S	CH₂CH₂NH(CO)NH	CI	425/427
335	CH₂	SCH₂(CO)NH	NO ₂	421
336	CH₂	OCH₂(CO)NH	NO ₂	405
337	CH₂	NHCH₂(CO)NH	NO ₂	404
338	CH₂	N(Me)CH₂(CO)NH	NO ₂	418
339	S	CH₂	- N	359
340	S	CH₂	NO ₂	404

Entry #	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES ⁺ (MH)
341	S	CH₂CH₂		402
342	S	CH₂(CO)NMe	Çi	410/412
343	-	NH	NO ₂	401
344	S	CH₂(CO)NHCH₂	NO ₂	421
345	S	CH₂(CO)CH₂	NO ₂	406
346	S		ÇI	422/424

TABLE 4 $Ar^{1} - X - W - Ar^{2}$

Entry #	Ar ¹	X	W	Ar²	MS ES* (MH)
401		S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	405
402		S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	406
403	Me N	S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	420
404		CH₂	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	387
405		CH₂	CH₂C(O)NH	C	376/378
406		S	CH₂C(O)NH	<u>-</u>	404/406
407		so	CH₂C(O)NH	G	420/422

Entry #	Ar ¹	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES* (MH)
408		SO₂	CH₂C(O)NH	ō	436/438
409		0	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	399
410		CH₂	CH₂C(O)NH	G	386/388
411		S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	455
412		S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	405
413		0	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	349
414		S	CH₂C(O)NH	Me	374
415		S	CH₂C(O)NH	OMe	390

Entry #	Ar ¹	X	W	Ar ²	MS ES⁺ (MH)
416	CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	5	402/404/ 406
417	CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	413/415
418	CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	CO ₂ Me	460/462/ 464
419	CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	CI CO ₂ H	446/448
420	CI	CH₂	CH₂C(O)NH		385/387
421	Me Me	S	CH₂C(O)NH	ō-	388/390

Entry #	Ar ¹	X	W	Ar²	MS ES ⁺ (MH)
422	Me Me	S	CH₂C(O)	S	345
423	Me Me	S	CH₂C(O)		383
424	Me Me	S	CH₂C(O)		379
425	Et Z	S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	434
426	Br	S	CH₂C(O)NH	C	354/356/358 MS ES (M-H)
427	Me CI.	S	CH₂C(O)NH	NO ₂	418/420
428	Me N CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	Ph	483/485/487

Entry #	Ar ¹	X	W	Ar²	MS ES* (MH)
429	HO N CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	Ph	513/515/517
430	Me N CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH		449/451
431	Me N CI	S	CH₂C(O)NH	CI SO₂Me	527/529

TABLE 5

Entry #	R ⁹	R ¹⁰	MS ES+ (MH)
501	CI	Н	394/396/398
502	CI	Me	408/410/412
503	CI	CO₂H	438/440/442
504	CI	CONH₂	437/439/441
505	Br	CO₂H	482/484/486
506	NO ₂	CO₂Me	463/465
507	NO ₂	CO₂H	449/451
508	NO ₂	CONH₂	448/450
509	CI	SO ₂ Me	472/474/476
510	CI	Ph	470/472/474
511	Ме	Ph	450/452

Entry #	R ⁹	R ¹⁰	MS ES* (MH)
512	CI	Z	471/473/475

TABLE 6

Entry #	R ¹⁰	MS ES*
		(MH)
601	(CH₂)₂CO₂H	508/510/512
602	NO ₂	481/483/485
603	SO₂Me	514/516/518
604	SO₂NH₂	515/517/-
605	SO ₂	610/612/614
	CI	
606	SO ₂	576/578/580
607	SO ₂ CH(Me) ₂	542/544/546
608	SO ₂ CH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	556/558/560
609	SO₂CH₂CO₂H	573/575/-
610	_N_	534/536/538
	 Me	

Entry #	R ¹⁰	MS ES*
		(MH)
611	o	521/523/525
612	$\langle n \rangle$	505/507/509
613	N	519/521/523
614	N N Box	620/622/624
615	N	520/522/524
616	CO₂H	480/482/484
617	NH ₂	451/453/455

TABLE 7

Entry #	R ⁹	R ¹⁰	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
701	CI	Н	Br	438/440/442
702	CI	H	Br	436/438/440
703	CI	SO ₂ NH ₂	CF ₃ CI	541/543/545
704	Me	SO₂NH₂	CF ₃ CI	521/523
705	CI	Н	CI NEt ₂	451/453/455
706	CI	Н	CI	506/508/510

Entry #	R ⁹	R ¹⁰	R ¹²	MS ES* (MH)
707	CI	Н	CI	408/410/412
708	CI	Н	CI	420/422/424
709	CI	Н	CI	448/450/452

TABLE 8

Entry #	R ¹²	Ar ²	MS ES ⁺ (MH)
801	CI	CI	437/439/441
802	CI	CI	451/453/455

Entry #	R ¹²	Ar ²	MS ES [†] (MH)
803	CI	CI	395/397/399

REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE (RT) ASSAYS

Enzymatic assay (IC₅₀)

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The enzymatic assay employed is described as follows: The reverse transcriptase (RT) enzyme assay has been adapted to a 96-well microtiter plate format and uses PicoGreen™ as a fluorescent intercalator. More explicitly, the HIV-1 RT enzyme was thawed and appropriately diluted into Tris/HCl 50 mM pH 7.8 containing NaCl 60 mM, MgCl₂o6H₂O 2 mM, DTT 6 mM, GSH 2 mM and 0.02% w/v Chaps to give ≈ 10 nM enzyme. To 10 µL of this enzyme solution was added 10 µL of inhibitor solution (40 µM to 78 nM inhibitor in the same assay buffer as above containing 4 % v/v DMSO). The plate was pre-incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature before proceeding to the next step. In this pre-incubation step, the highest and lowest inhibitor concentrations were 20 µM and 1.016 nM respectively and the concentration of DMSO was 2% v/v. Then the enzymatic reaction was initiated by addition of 20 µL of substrate solution. The final reaction mixture contained Tris/HCI 50 mM pH 7.8, NaCl 60 mM, MgCl₂o6H₂O 2 mM, DTT 6 mM, GSH 2 mM, CHAPS 0.02% w/v, DMSO 1% v/v, poly rC 45 nM, dG₁₅ 4.5 nM, dGTP 3.6 μ M, and \approx 2.5 nM enzyme. In this incubation step, the highest and lowest inhibitor concentrations were 10 µM and 0.508 nM respectively. After addition of the substrate cocktail, the plate was covered with a plastic seal and incubated for 50 minutes at 37°C in a dry incubator. The reaction was then quenched by addition of 5 µL of EDTA 0.5 M. The plate was shaken for 30 seconds at medium speed and incubated for 5 minutes at room temperature. Then 160 µL of PicoGreen™ 1:400 dilution from commercial stock (diluted in Tris 20mM pH 7.5 with EDTA 1mM) was added and the plate was shaken for 30 seconds and incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature. The plate was then analyzed using a POLARstar Galaxy fluorimeter (BMG Labtechnologies) with λ_{ex} and λ_{em} of 485nm and 520nm respectively. Each well was read for 1.25 second. Each row contained at its extremities a blank and a control well.

P24 Cellular Assay (EC₅₀) (data identified with * in Table 9).

The p24 assay is as described in WO 01/96338, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.

5 C8166 HIV-1 Luciferase Assay (EC₅₀)

Plasmid: pGL3 Basic LTR/TAR #12

Plasmid is the pGL3 Basic Vector (a promoterless luciferase expression vector from Promega catalogue #E1751) with the addition of HIV-1 HxB2 LTR sequence from nucleotide -138 to +80 (Sca1-HindIII) upstream of the luciferase gene and the gene for blasticidine resistance cloned in.

Cells: C8166 LTRluc #A8-F5-G7

C8166 cells are a human T-lymphotrophic virus type 1 immortalized but nonexpressing line of cord blood lymphocytes and are highly permissive to HIV-1 infection. The reporter cells were made by electroporating C8166 cells with pGL3 Basic LTR/TAR and then selecting positive clones with blasticidine. The clone C8166-LTRluc #A8-F5-G7 was selected by 3 consecutive rounds of limiting dilution under blasticidine selection. Media: Complete media consisting of: RPMI 1640 + 10% FBS + 10^{-5} M β -mercaptoethanol + 10 μ g/ml gentamycin. Cultures are maintained in complete media with 5 μ g/ml blasticidine, however, selection is removed for the assay.

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Luciferase Assay Protocol

Preparation of Compounds

Serial dilutions of HIV-1 inhibitors compounds are prepared in complete media from 10 mM DMSO stock solutions. Eleven serial dilutions of 2.5X are made at 8X desired final concentration in a 1 ml deep well titer plate (96 wells). The 12^{th} well contains complete media with no inhibitor and serves as the positive control. All samples contain the same concentration of DMSO (\leq 0.1% DMSO). A 25 μ l aliquot of inhibitor is added, to triplicate wells, of a 96 well tissue culture treated clear view black microtiter plate (Corning Costar catalogue # 3904). The last row is reserved for uninfected C8166 LTRluc cells to serve as the background blank control and the first row is media alone.

Infection of Cells

Count C8166 LTRluc cells and place in a minimal volume of complete RPMI 1640 in a tissue culture flask (ex. 30 X 10⁶ cells in 10 ml media/25 cm² flask). Infect cells with HIV-1

at a moi of 0.005. Incubate cells for 1.5 hours at 37 °C on a rotating rack in a 5% CO_2 incubator. Resuspend cells in complete RPMI to give a final concentration of 25,000-cells/175 μ l. Add 175 μ l of cell mix to wells of 96 well microtiter plate containing 25 μ l 8X inhibitors. Add 25,000 uninfected C8166- LTRluc cells/well in 200 μ l complete RPMI to last row for background control. Incubate cells at 37 °C in 5% CO_2 incubator for 3 days.

Luciferase Assay

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Add 50 μ l Steady Glo (luciferase substrate T_{1/2}=5 hours Promega catalogue # E2520) to each well of the 96 well plate. Determine the relative light units (RLU) of luciferase using the BMG LUMIstar Galaxy luminometer. Plates are read from the bottom for 2 seconds per well with a gain of 240.

The level of inhibition (% inhibition) of each well containing inhibitor was calculated with the following equation:

$$\% \cdot inhibition = \left(1 - \left[\frac{RLU \cdot well - RLU \cdot blank}{RLU \cdot control - RLU \cdot blank}\right]\right) * 100$$

The calculated % inhibition values were then used to determine EC_{50} , slope factor (n) and maximum inhibition (I_{max}) by the non-linear regression routine NLIN procedure of SAS using the following equation:

$$\% \cdot inhibition = \frac{I_{\text{max}} \times [inhibitor]^n}{[inhibitor]^n + ICso^n}$$

The results are listed in Table 9 as $IC_{50}(nM)$ and $EC_{50}(nM)$. Table legend: A = >100; B = 100-50; C = <50; NT = not tested

According to this invention those compounds are preferred which possess an IC₅₀ value against the resistant mutant K103N/Y181C smaller than 50 nM (range C), most preferably an EC₅₀ value against the resistant mutant K103N/Y181C smaller than 50 nM (range C).

TABLE 9

IC ₅₀	IC ₅₀	EC ₅₀	EC ₅₀
WT	K103N/Y181C	WT	K103N/Y181C
С	A	C*	A*
С	A	C*	NT
С	A	C*	A*
С	A	C*	A* A* A* NT
c	A	C*	A*
Ā	NT	NT	NT
À	NT	NT	NT
A	A	NT	NT
B	A	C*	A*
A	Δ	NT	NT
R	Δ	C*	NT A*
Δ	Δ	NT	NT
	Δ	C*	NT
	-Δ	C*	Δ*
B	Δ	C*	A* A* NT
<u>C</u>	Δ	C*	NT
	<u> </u>	NIT	A*
<u> </u>	<u>^</u>	C*	^*
^		NIT	A* NT
A	NT.	NIT	NT NIT
_	NI	NT	NT
A	IN I	N 1	NT
	A	U"	A"
<u>C</u>	A	N I	A* B* B*
C	A	C.	B.
C	Α	C*	A*
A	Α	NI	NT
C	Α	C*	A* A* C* NT
Α	Α	C*	A*
C	Α	C*	C*
<u>C</u>	Α	C*	NT
A	NT	NT	NT
Α		NT	NT
C	A	C*	A*
C	Α	C*	A*
C	Α	C*	A*
В	Α	C*	A* NT
	Α	NT	NT
Α	NT	NT	NT
C		C*	NT
C	Α	C*	C*
Α	Α	C*	C* A
NT	Α	С	Α
NT	A	C	A
C	A	NT	NT
C	A	С	A
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Entry #	IC ₅₀ WT	IC ₅₀ K103N/Y181C	EC ₅₀	EC ₅₀ K103N/Y181C
147	c	A	C	В
201	Ā	Ā	NT	NT
202	A	Ā	NT	NT
203	Ā	NT	NT	NT
203 204	Ā	NT	NT	NT
205	Ā	NT	NT	NT
206	Â	NT	NT	NT
200 207		NT	NT	NT
	A C	NT	C	A
208	C	NT	A*	NT
209	В	NT	C*	A*
210	<u>B</u>		C* C	Ā
211	A A	NT	NIT	NT
212	A -	NT	NT	
213	A	NT	NT	NT
214	Α	NT	NT	NT
215	A	NT	NT	NT
216	A	NT	NT	NT
217	A	NT	NT	NT
218	Α	NT	NT	NT
219	Α	NT	NT	NT
220	Α	NT	NT	NT
221	Ā	NT	NT	NT
222	A	NT	NT	NT
223	Α	NT	NT	NT
224	Α	NT	NT	NT
225	Α	NT	NT	NT
226	Α	NT	NT	NT
227	Α	NT	NT	NT
228	Α	NT	NT	NT
229	Α	NT	NT	NT
230	В	NT	B*	A*
231	В	NT	C*	A*
232	Α	NT	NT	NT
233	Α	NT	NT	NT
234 _	В	NT	B*	A*
235	С	Α	C*	NT
236	B C	A	A* C	A*
237	C	A A A	С	NT
238	С	Α	В	Α
239	В	Α	B C*	A*
240	Α	Α	NT	NT
241	A	NT	NT	NT
242	Α	NT	NT	NT
243	Α	NT	NT	NT
244	Α	NT	NT	NT
245	A C	NT	NT C	NT
246	С	Α	С	Α

Entry	IC ₅₀	IC ₅₀	EC ₅₀	EC ₅₀
#	WŤ	K103N/Y181C		K103N/Y181C
301	В	A	C*	A*
302	Ā	Ā	B*	NT
303	À	NT	NT	NT
304		NT	NT	NT
305	A A	NT	NT	NT
306	Ā	NT	NT	NT
307	Ā	NT	NT	NT
308	Δ	NT	B*	NT
309	A	NT	NT	NT
310	A	NT	NT	NT
311	A	NT	NT	NT
312	Ā	NT	NT	NT
313	Ā	NT	NT	NT
314	Ā	NT	NT	NT
315	Ā	NT	NT	NT
316	В	A	C*	NT
317	В	Ā	C*	NT
318		Â	C*	NT
319	B A	NT NT	NT	NT
320	Ā	NT	NT	NT
	A	NT	NT	NT
321 322	A	NT	NT	NT
	Α	NT NT	NT	NT
323 324	A		NT	
	A	NT A		NT
325	A		NT NT	NT NT
326	Α	NT		
327	A	NT	NT	NT
328	Α	NT	NT	NT
329	A	NT	NT	NT
330	В	_ <u>A</u>	C*	NT
331	Α	NT	NT	NT
332	A	NT	NT	NT
333	A	NT	NT	NT
334	A	NT	NT	NT
335	A	NT	NT	NT
336	A	NT	NT	NT
337	Α	NT	NT	NT
338	Ā	NT	NT	NT
339	Α	NT	NT	NT
340	Α	NT	NT	NT
341	Α	NT	NT	NT
342	Α	NT	NT	NT
343	Α	NT	NT	NT
344	Α	NT	NT	NT
345	Α	NT	NT	NT
346	Α	NT	NT	NT
401	Ā	Α	C*	NT

Entry	IC ₅₀	IC ₅₀	EC ₅₀	EC ₅₀
#	WT _	K103N/Y181C	WT	K103N/Y181C
402	B C	Α	C*	A*
403	C	Α	С	Α
404	Α	NT	NT	NT
405	A	NT	NT	NT
406	С	Α	Α	NT
407	Α	NT	NT	NT
408	Α	NT	NT	NT
409	Α	NT	A*	NT
410	Α	NT	NT	NT
411	Α	Α	NT	NT
411 412 413	A	A NT	NT	NT
413	Α	Α	NT	NT
414	A	NT	NT	NT
415	Α	NT	NT	NT
416	A A A A C C C	A A A NT	C C B	Α
417	C	A	С	Α
418	С	A	В	NT
419	C C	A	В	NT
420	Ā	NT	NT	NT
421	A C A A	A	C*	A*
421 422 423	Α	NT	NT	NT
423	Ā	NT	NT	NT
424	Ā	NT	NT	NT
425	NT	A	C	A
426	Ā	NT	NT	NT
427	NT	A	C	A
428	NT	À	C	Ā
429	С	Ā	C	Ā
430	C	В	C	B
431	C	В	C	Ċ
501	C		C	A A B C A
502	C	Δ	C	NT
503	C	Δ	C	A
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Entry	IC ₅₀	IC ₅₀	EC ₅₀	EC ₅₀
#	WT	K103N/Y181C		K103N/Y181C
606	C C	В	С	В
607		Α	C C	В
608	С	Α	С	В
609	NT	В	NT	NT
610	С	A	C C	Α
611	C C	Α		Α
612	С	Α	B C C C C	Α
613	С	Α	С	A
614	С	Α	С	A A C
615	С	Α	С	A
616	C C	В	C	
617		Α	С	В
701	C C		NT	NT
702		В	C C	A C
703	С	В	С	С
704	В	Α	NT	NT
705	С	Α	С	A
706	C C C C	Α	С	Α
707	С	Α	С	A A C
708	С	Α	С	Α
709	С	Α	Α	Α
801		С	С	
802	С	Α	C C C A C	В
803	NT	Α	С	Α